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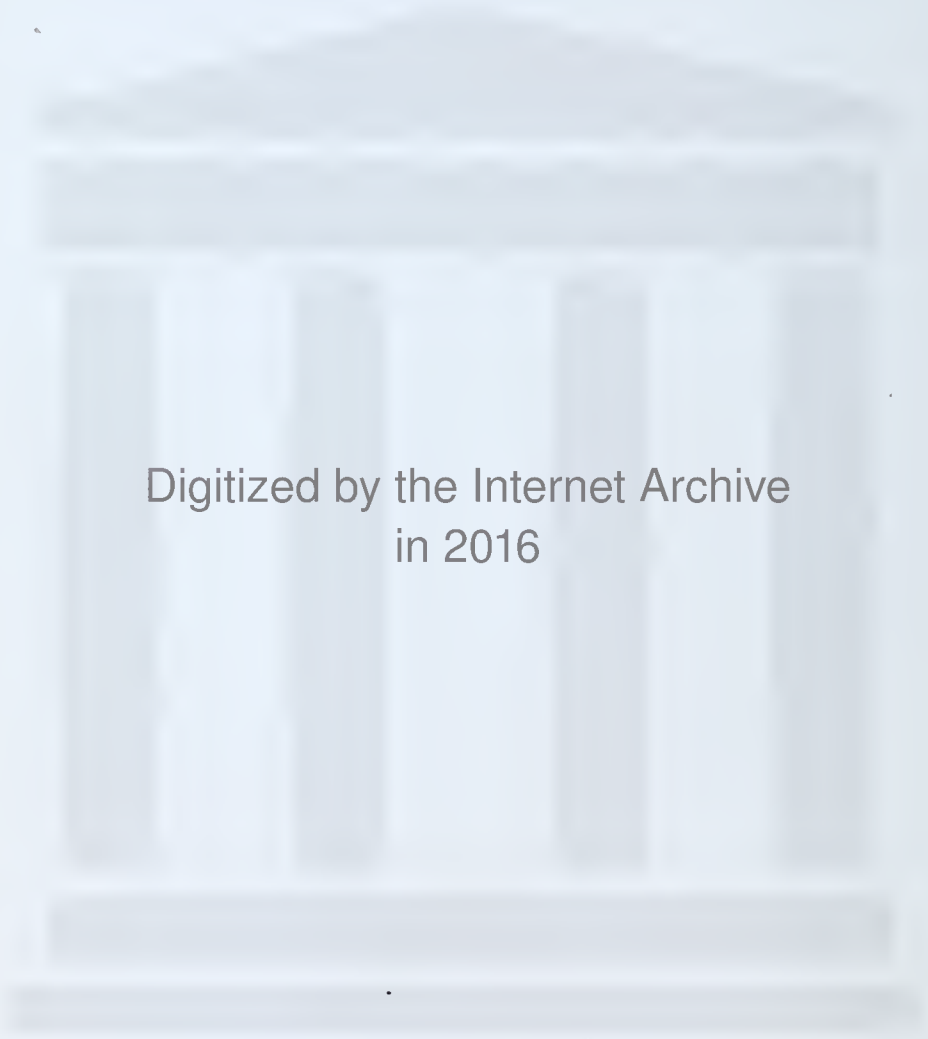
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INTRODUCTORY

The Washington County Historical Society, since its present organization was formed seven years ago, has had a most successful career, but all along has felt greatly the need of a means of publishing its transactions, that they might reach the people of the entire county; but it has not had enough of funds in sight with which to undertake to publish a magazine of its own.

Its Library and Museum, on the Third Corridor of the Courthouse, contains a large and most interesting collection, for the use and study of all who would understand the development of our county and country in their rise from a wilderness in the century from their birth. That collection will speak for itself, and the public interest in it is now so great that during the first week of our term of court now ending more than two hundred and eighty visitors found their way to it.

The interests of our historical society clash with none of the interests of any class of our people; with the interests of men in any business, in the Church, or in politics. They can be offensive to no one. Indeed, the study and the knowledge of local history, how a people are made into a municipality or nation, and what they may have become, is a matter of such absorbing interest, that, after a foundation has once been laid, it is found to be a decided relief to every one engaged in the ordinary activities of life, to get back into the times of the fathers and to study their ways.

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OUR BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Attention is now called to what will be our first publication, a preliminary effort to collect the Bibliography of Washington County.

The bibliography of a subject may be defined, in a general

sense, as a list of published works relating to that subject, or furnishing information concerning it. But in the limited sense in which we shall use the term, the phrase "Bibliography of Washington County," will mean all works written, compiled, or edited by authors who were natives or residents of Washington County, or were printed or published by Washington County printers. And in "works" we shall embrace all bound books, as well as pamphlets containing public addresses, sermons, and historical sketches of any value,—at least all we may find of them. We shall also embrace a list of all the newspapers ever published in the county, the place and period of publication and the editors, etc. All under something like the Scheme noted hereafter.

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Mr. Joseph Eichbaum, of Pittsburgh, now deceased, who was a son of William Eichbaum, one of the first printers of Pittsburgh, told the writer that his father often said that, as late as 1820, when the Pittsburgh printers had a difficult order for printing—blank books for instance, they always sent the order to Washington, Pa., to have it executed. Such being the case, it is not surprising that probably the first book, and certainly the first monthly magazine, ever published west of the Allegheny Mountains, was by Washington County authors and printed at Washington, Pa. See, under the names of Addison and Bruce and the name of McMillan, in our "Bibliography of Washington County;" which we intend shall represent the intellectual development of the county since its organization one hundred and twenty-six years ago.

This subject has been before our historical society for some time, and at the last meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies at Harrisburg, Pa., on January 3, 1907, the same subject was taken up, and a standing committee of seven, with HON. THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY, State Librarian, as chairman, and the writer as one of the members, was appointed to take charge of the subject of a Bibliography of Pennsylvania. At the next annual meeting of the Pa. F.

H. S., to be held at Harrisburg on the first Thursday of January, 1908, a resolution of that standing committee will be reported and doubtless adopted, directing that the work of collecting the bibliography of the State of Pennsylvania shall be begun by the collection of the bibliography of the counties, under the supervision, whenever possible, of County Historical Societies.

Anticipating this method, the Washington County Historical Society, appointed last winter, as its standing committee on Bibliography, the members following: MR. D. GLEN MOORE, MRS. MARTHA MONTGOMERY and MRS. HELENA C. BEATTY; and this committee, as well as our society, is especially anxious to make as full a report of progress as possible to the Pa. F. H. S., at its next meeting on 2d day of next January.

Any one would at once appreciate the difficulty of obtaining the names of the authors and publishers of all the publications in Washington County since its organization as a municipal division of the State; but it may be a little surprising that our committee has succeeded at this date, in obtaining so many titles. For the list is as yet largely incomplete.

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Here is where we must ask the assistance of all persons interested in the subject, and they will please help us for the good name of our county, to show up its literary advancement.

Our Bibliography is intended to embrace all books and regularly published magazines by Washington County authors or publishers, of whatever character, provided they are of a reputable character; and, as to publications in pamphlet form, there being very, very many of them, some of which were for merely a present purpose, only those of general interest should be included. For our present list we have included only a few pamphlet publications, and only as they came of themselves before the committee; hereafter an effort will be made to list all pamphlets of interest and value that we may reach. We

now beg for the assistance of all who may receive the following pages, in supplying corrections and additions to our bibliography, which may be mailed either to Mrs. H. C. Beatty, the Librarian, or to Boyd Crumrine, the President of our Society.

OUR SCHEME.

Our committee, without a knowledge of the method that may be adopted by the Pa. F. H. S., has adopted for the present the following scheme of classification:

1. Books by authors who were natives of Washington County, or resident therein, when the books were compiled, whether natives or not.

2. Books printed or published by Washington County Printers or Publishers, whether written by natives or residents, or not.

3. Books relating *largely* to the people or the affairs of Washington County, by whomsoever written;—such as Brackenridge's Incidents of the Western Insurrection; because that trouble was largely confined to Washington County.

Magazines and pamphlets will be placed with books, in our list, subject to a change in the classification subsequently. Newspapers can be merely listed, with the period and place of publication, editors, etc,

Again, we ask: Should any errors be found in the names of authors, or in the titles, or any omissions of works that should appear but do not, will they kindly be reported?

BOYD CRUMRINE,
Editor.

December 20, 1907.

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In pencil marks on the title-page of this pamphlet is written, following the words "Are examined and shown to be Unfounded," the words "by Samuel Ralston, D. D." The pamphlet closes with the words, "Yours, &c. A Presbyterian," followed by:

"P. S. Should you, or any others, be inclined to ask me why I have not affixed my name to these letters—my answer is, this is my first essay, as not above a page of my writing has before this been printed, and I am not yet seized with the cacoethes scribendi, or 'the art of scribbling.' However, if necessity requires it, I will neither be ashamed nor afraid to give both you and the public my name."

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